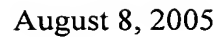


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The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

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- ☑ 13 sheets (Figures 1-13) of drawings.
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- ☑ a Preliminary Amendment.
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